"LIFE" EXPANDED UNDERSTANDING OF A MODERN STAGE ART

VILNIUS, May 19, ELTA - Altough not all foreign companies justified expectations of spectators, organizers of the LIFE - 2nd International Theatre Festival are optimistic about the festival's success.

LIFE director Ruta Vanagite-Wiman and other members of the organizing team shared their impressins about the festival at news conference held on Friday.

This festival was a good occasion for our spectators accustomed to traditional theatre to 'expand' their understanding about modern theatre and so-called 'near-border' art, they said.

The LIFE Festival ended last Saturday. Last Sunday, the 'Little Pig Club' of the Festival established in the yard of Lithuanian Artists House will be closed by a concert of country music.

Companies and artists from France, the U.S., Great Britain, Belgium, Spain and Russia as well as Lithuania gave performances at this year's LIFE Festival.

FESTIVAL OF COURAGE AT ZOKNIAI AIRPORT

SIAULIAI, May 19, ELTA - On May 19th, several thousand people witnessed unbelievable aerobatic stunts over the Zokniai airfield. For nearly two hours, pilots of planes, gliders and helicopters, as well as parachutists and plane modellers showed their skill.

One of the most popular events was the FRECCE TRICOLOR aerobatic squadron of the Italian Air Force. Lithuanian world vice-champion Jurgis Kairys also showed aerial stunts with his new SU-31 plane. Lithuanian Prime Minister Adolfas Slezevicius, Defence Minister Linas Linkevicius and Italian Ambassador Franco Tempesta watched the show and greeted the pilots.

The Mayor of the city of Siauliai piloted a plane that opened the Festival.